

14 January 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Bross

SUBJECT: Service Representation on USIB

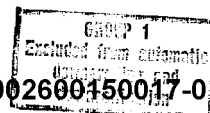
1. As we all know, the question of removal of Service representatives from USIB stemmed from recommendation 30 of the report of the Joint Study Group.

This recommendation stated that the action should be taken in phase with organizational changes within Defense. These changes, which eventually resulted in the establishment of DIA (although the Study Group's recommendations were somewhat different), have taken a lot of time, and periodically the question of membership has been deferred pending consolidation of DIA.

2. It is worth noting also that recommendation 30 contemplated retaining a representative of the Secretary of Defense and of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Thus that recommendation is somewhat outdated. Further, the DDCI has been added to the USIB membership in the interim.

3. Although the DCI has stated on several occasions that it is Secretary McNamara's position that the Services should be removed at an early date, and that he is essentially responding to this position, documentation on this point seems to be lacking. The most recent exchange of correspondence between the DCI and SecDef casts no further light on this particular point. The DCI's letter of 12 December to SecDef says "... you have indicated that this problem [Defense intelligence management] can be enormously simplified if USIB is reorganized by removing the Service intelligence officers ... ." Gilpatric's note of 16 December to Fubini and Carroll refers to "Mr. McCone's proposal to reorganize

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USIB." This particular reference was in the context of the date for such a change; however, Gilpatric's memo to McCone of 10 January again refers to "your proposal," without reference to date. All the above minutiae adds up, I think, only to strengthening of a belief that who suggested what to whom when has become somewhat muddled with the passage of time. The fact remains that time has been running on the NSC action of January 12, 1961, approving the recommendations of the Study Group, with the caveats mentioned above.

4. Toward the end of December, [ ] prepared a letter to the President from the DCI, which the latter signed and dispatched. This called attention to agreement with SecDef on this matter and asked for Presidential blessing. This led to a request from the White House that the JCS be queried, and the result of that was General Taylor's memo of January 9th to SecDef, in which he expresses reservations on the part of the Chiefs, in the context of a positive decision already taken by McNamara. Today, Mac Buddy informed Mr. McCone that, presumably in light of the JCS paper, the President wishes to hold up the move.

5. The DCI is taking a position that he should react to this instruction by letting Defense and JCS sort it out between themselves, again reverting to the idea that it is the Secretary of Defense's desire to make this change. Mr. McCone is to discuss this matter further with Mr. Gilpatric this afternoon.

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